

NEWS OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL ITEMS COLLECTORS

APIC NEWS

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Something new has been added, yes, this is the first formal publication of the APIC and we hope you like the change. The officers and Board of Directors thought that C. W. Fishbaugh's (#115) offer was too good to pass up. C. W. will prepare and mail our publication in this form, similar to the Gold Bug format and you will receive quarterly, along with the Gold Bug if you are a subscriber. If not you will receive seperately each June, Sept., December and March. This arrangement will be in effect for one year and will be reviewed by both parties at the end of this time, and renewed if satisfactory to both.

This is your publication and you are invited to write or send articles of interest in the field of Political Americana. Maybe you are an authority on some particular candidate, or party, or some unusual incident would be news-worthy. I'm sure you all get tired of my stuff all the time, so here's your chance. Send your copy to Chick Harris (#139) and we'll use in some future issue.

The mast-head above 'APIC NEWS' isn't the official name of our publication, but the September issue will appear under the new mast-head. Many very clever and appropriate names were submitted and the Committee will have a tough job making a decision. Thanks to all who submitted an entry.

A BIG JOB WELL DONE

Have you picked the itmes you want from the recent auction list, and sent your bid? If not do so right now, as the deadline (to reach Seattle) is June 9, 1962. Steve Bibler (#72) and Wayne LaPoe (#23) have done a terrific job and we only need you to make it a fine success. We had expected that the list of offers would have been much longer, as its one of the best ways the more advanced collectors can help the newer ones add to their collections. Again this time several items are priced rather unrealistically, and we hope that it was because of incorrect knowledge of value, rather than intent to take some inexperienced collector.

ANNOUNCING THE WINNER

The Polls have closed and your choice, by a wide margin, for the APIC emblem is design #2, the one which Art Schofield (#13) designed and which was used on our 1961 roster booklet. Thanks to the others who submitted entries and to those who voted, the response was very good. The emblem will be used on our new membership cards and roster and since you liked the idea of a celluloid button, which depicts our emblem, a supply will be made and distributed to all.

PRICE GUIDE

The APIC price guide is in the final stages of preparation, but with vacations and summer activities will probably not be sent out until September, possibly in connection with our next publication. I do believe that you will find it to be of real assistance, and I wish to thank all who helped with its compilation.

WHO'S WHO ???

Charlie Williams (#121) reports that the 'Third Party' and "Hopeful" (those nominated at conventions) listing is moving along and is about ready to present to the committee for further study. This will probably be issued in two parts with the first being ready by early Fall. It's been a real big job and one which is quite time consuming and our thanks go to Charlie for a lot of mid-night oil.

NEW ROSTER BOOKLET

The 1962 Roster has closed and is in the print shop, it should reach you shortly. It will again be in booklet form, with slightly larger print and phone numbers of members are included. A recent change of address: #146 Theodore F. Watts, c/o John Hopkins Univ., Applied Physics Lab., 8621 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland.

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A.P.I.C PRICE GUIDE

ISSUED BY APIC

This is not a price list, but strickly to be considered as a guide to values of Political Campaign items for the various candidates beginning with the Jackson-Adams era. the earliest actual campaign items. This listing was compiled to help each collector, but should be of greater value to the newer collector. It was arranged to give an idea of values and rarity, and should help you in determining which items will be the most difficult to obtain; for items from certain campaigns are much scarcer than others.

The prices quoted for each candidate, by campaigns, are based on the more common items obtainable and in usual condition. Greater values will be placed on many items, even those of the more common variety if in choice condition or especially showy. There should also be items priced below those quoted, because of the general drab appearance and condition. Even though the guide is the result of a questioner, sent to a group of APIC members who are actively in the current market, probably no one will value the items exactly as they appear. We all have our favorite types and our dislikes, which affect our ideas of value. This list will be subject to yearly review and revision.

Candidate	Token	Ribbon	Ballot	Newspaper Ballot	coat & shell brass items	Candidate	1½" and under pin back button			Other
							Jugate	Pres. only	Name/s	
John Quincy Adams	\$ 27-40	\$	\$	\$ 5-8	\$	Mc Kinley & Hobart	\$ 2.00	\$.75	\$	\$15-20 bug
Andrew Jackson	5-7	20-25	12-17	5-7		Bryan & Sewell	2.00	1.00		20-25 "
Martin Van Buren	4-6	20-25	8-12	3-5		McKinley & Roosevelt	1.50	.50		
Wm. Henry Harrison	2-4	10-17	6-10	3-5	5-8	Bryan & Stevenson	2.50	1.00		
James K. Polk	10-15	15-22	6-10	4-7	25-40	Roosevelt & Fairbanks	1.50	.50		10-15 eye
Henry Clay	3-5	10-17	6-10	3-6	14-18	Parker & Davis	2.50	1.00		glasses
Zachary Taylor	4-6	15-20	8-12	5-7	10-15	Taft & Sherman 1908	1.50	.50		
Lewis Cass	7-10	20-30	12-15	6-9	25-40	Bryan & Kern	2.25	1.00		
Van Buren (F. Soil 48)	10-15	20-30	12-18	6-9	30-45	Taft & Sherman 1912	1.50	.50	.50	
Winfield Scott	3-5	12-18	6-9	4-6		Wilson & Marshall	2.50	1.00	.75	
Franklin Pierce	4-6	17-25	6-10	4-6		T. R. & Johnson (B.M.)	7.50	1.50	.75	
Millard Fillmore	3-4	8-13	6-10	3-5		Hughes & Fairbanks	3.00	1.25	.75	
John C. Fremont	3-4	10-15	6-10	3-5		Wilson & Marshall 1916	2.00	1.00	.75	
James Buchanan	3-4	10-15	5-8	3-5		Harding & Coolidge	12.50	.75	.40	
Jeff Davis & Stephens			13-18	Ferro Photo		Cox & F. D. R.	25.00	7.00	2.50	Rooster 1.50
Abraham Lincoln 1860	10-15	20-30	9-14	22-30		Coolidge & Dawes	2.50	1.00	.25	
Stephen Douglas	6-10	14-19	8-12	20-27		Davis & Bryan (Chas.)	17.50	6.00	3.00	
J. C. Breckinridge	8-11	16-22	8-12	22-30		Lafayette & Wheeler	7.50	3.00	2.00	Bronze 1.00
John Bell	6-10	16-22	8-12	20-27		Hoover & Curtis 1928	3.50	1.00	.50	
Abraham Lincoln 1864	10-14	20-30	7-11	22-30	C.W. & \$5-6	Smith & Robinson	4.00	1.00	.50	Derby 2.50
George McClellan	5-8	12-18	7-11	20-27	C.W. & \$2-3	Hoover & Curtis 1932	3.50	1.00	.50	
John C. Fremont 1864	12-15			30-35		F. D. R. & Garner	3.50	.50	.35	
U. S. Grant 1868	3-5	8-13	5-8	14-18		Landon & Knox 1936	2.00	1.00	.20	
Horatio Seymour	4-6	12-18	5-8	14-18		F. D. R. & Garner	1.50	.25	.15	
U. S. Grant 1872	5-8	12-18	6-9	18-22		Willkie & McNary 1940	1.50	.40	.10	
Horace Greeley	5-8	20-27	7-10	20-25		F. D. R. & Wallace	.50	.25	.15	
R. B. Hayes 1876	6-9	8-12	5-7	8-13		Dewey & Bricker 1944	2.00	.25	.15	
S. J. Tilden	6-9	10-13	6-8	8-13		F. D. R. & Truman	6.00	.50	.15	
James Garfield 1880	2-3	6-10	4-7	10-15	3-5	Dewey & Warren 1948	1.50	.25	.15	
Winfield S. Hancock	3-4	8-12	5-8	14-18	4-7	Truman & Barkley	2.50	.75	.50	
Grover Cleveland 1884	2-3	5-10	2-5	4-7	3-5	Ike & Nixon 1952	.50	.25	.10	
James G. Blaine	3-4	5-10	3-6	5-8	3-5	Stevenson & Sparkman	1.00	.25	.15	
Grover Cleveland 1888	2-3	4-7	2-5	4-7	3-5	Ike & Nixon 1956	.75	.25	.10	
Benjamin Harrison	2-3	4-7	2-5	4-7	3-5	Stevenson & Kefauver	1.00	.35	.15	shoe 1.00
Grover Cleveland 1892	2-3	4-8	3-5	5-8	3-5	Nixon & Lodge 1960	.50	.25	.10	
Benjamin Harrison	2-3	4-8	3-5	4-7	3-5	Kennedy & Johnson	.50	.10	.10	

VACATION TIPS

Vacation time is almost upon us again, have you completed plans? Do they include stops at Presidential or historical sites, or maybe a few antique shops, or a collector friend or two--in other words does your hobby go with you on vacation too, or is it just plain get away from it all. Seems that our vacation is most always at least fifty per cent hobby--surely a good thing that I have an understanding wife, who is at least not bored with my hobby. She really does enjoy seeing how other collectors have their items arranged and the unusual and different items one always finds in other collections.

We have a mutual enjoyable time scouring the antique shops, so while we aren't on the turnpikes, we have difficulty making a couple hundred miles a day. Some of the finest persons we have ever met are collectors and their families; we always make a few stops each year and drool over items never seen before. We stop at all the Presidential museums and public displays of Political Americana which are any where near our route.

Did you know that there are some outstanding collections of P. A. on public display and not even an admission charged. I can recommend these from personal experience, each is different and well worth a few extra miles or many miles. Undoubtedly the best known is the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., (which chiefly features the Ralph E. Becker (#68) collection), they may or may not have much on exhibit as they change displays regularly and use various themes for special occasions. While there I'm sure Mr. Washburn (#69) or one of his assistants in the Division of Political History, would be very glad to make you acquaintance. Mrs. Susan H. Douglas (#113) collection is on display at Cornell University, Ithica, N.Y., (in the heart of the finger lakes region). The display is in one large room in one of the Ag. buildings, off the beaten path, but is well worth an inquiry or two. A rather recent gift of Carl E. Dorr (#75) and his wife Amelia to the U. of Syracuse, (N.Y.) is now open for viewing. It is located in the Lena R. Arents Rare Book Room of the main library and contains many outstanding early items. Hailey, Idaho (just a stone throw from Sun Valley) can be mighty proud. They are preparing a new museum and Joe Fuld (#1) is presenting his fine collection to be included. A fine jesture by a real old time collector, who's old time in number of years only--he and his wife, Lulu are terrific Americans, if we only had 170 million like 'em.

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST

There are also many outstanding museums, homes and memorials of the various Presidents, located in all parts of the country. Many are well known and some haven't been given the publicity. In most cases the displays of true political campaign material has been quite neglected, although more emphasis is being given Political Americana and rightfully so. Gene Dunifon (#12), one of our Vice Presidents has suggested that collectors who are near a Presidential display, offer their assistance in building a collection of politicals..might be nice to give them a start by donating duplicates and unusual items..such donations can usually be considered tax deductable too. Should you be near Abilene, Kansas be sure to see the Eisenhower Museum, its well done and many items are being added daily. The Truman Library at Independence, Missouri near K.C. has a whole section devoted to P. A., not only from the Truman era but the whole field,--included is quite an extensive group of early political tokens. F.D.R.'s home at Hyde Park, N.Y., is nice but the political items are very limited and the V. P. race with Cox in 1920 is hardly represented. In Fremont, Ohio the Rutherford B. Hayes Monument and Museum is open daily, and has a few politicals along with many fine Presidential mementos. Near Nashville, Tennessee, is Andrew Jackson's home, the Hermitage, it is much as when Jackson lived there and the grounds are outstanding... don't expect too many political items though. I probably don't even need to mention some of the others, G. W.'s home at Mt. Vernon, Va.; Teddy Roosevelt's Sagamore Hill at Oyster Bay, Long Island; Jefferson's Monticello near Charlottesville, Virginia; the Harding Memorial in Marion, Ohio; or the McKinley Tomb and Memorial in Canton, Ohio; all these plus many more, check your maps as you travel along for points of special interest.

Have learned of the death of several of our members, our sympathy is extended to those near and dear. Robert C. Morgan (#30), Bob got a real thrill from our hobby and was a collectors collector; David Hollander (#141), its nice to hear that Mrs. Marion Hollander, his wife has joined our group; Sam Hoffman (#58), we'll all miss a source of supply, Sam always had a lot of STUFF.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE APIC AS IT IS, TELL US. IF YOU DO, TELL YOUR COLLECTOR FRIENDS, AS WE'D BE GLAD TO WELCOME THEM AND HELP THEM FURTHER THEIR HOBBY, AND PUT POLITICAL AMERICANA IN ITS PROPER PLACE IN OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE.....